(b) Apart from citing a few individual cases of alleged bondage, the news-item, *inter-alia* mentions a survey put together by Gandhi Shanti Pratisthan which, among other things, states that the number of bonded labour in the State is much more than is effically asknowledged. Also, due to gap of time between identification and formulation of rehabilitation schemes, the benefits of the scheme could not go to the released bonded labour. The survey also alleges negligence on the part of State officials.

Apart from urging the State Governments to implement effectively the provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, Central Government, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour, contribute 50 per cent of the envisaged assistance of Rs. 6,250/- per bonded labour for rehabilitation. The State Governments have also been requested to integrate this scheme with other anti-poverty programmes. In pursuance of Point No. 6 of the New 20-point programme, a scheme for involvement of voluntary agencies in the tasks of identification and rehabilitation of bonded labourers has been introduced from 30th October, 1987.

1082. [*Transferred to the 29th November*, 1988]

Purchase of discoloured Paddy in Northern region

1083. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to purchase all the paddy discolouredin the recent floods in the northern regions as a relief measures to the affected people; and

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken to purchase the discoloured paddystating the quantity with value of the paddy purchased, so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) With a view to help the farmers and mitigate damage to paddy crop by the recent heavy rains and floods in Punjab and Haryana, the Government agencies were allowed to procure paddy stocks up to 20 per cent moisture content without any price cut in these two States till 31st October, 1988 as against 18 per cent allowed last year. In the severely affected Districts of Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Firozepur, Jallandhur, Ludhiana, Kapurthala, Ropar and Hoshiarpur of Punjab and Karnal, Kurukshtra, Sirsa and Hissar of Haryana paddy stocks were allowed to be procured up to 22 per cent moisture content with price cuts till 31st October 1988. All the paddy offered for purchase to FCI and other state agencies falling within the relaxed specification has been procured. Till 15th November, 1988 a quantity of 91,250 tonnes of paddy has been purchased by the public agencies in Northern region.

Further to induce the private trader/Millers to procure maximum stocks of affected paddy, certain relaxations in respect of brokens, damaged and discoloured grains in the specifications prescribed for levy rice have also been allowed in the States of Punjab and Haryana which will remain operative till the end of November, 1988.

Condition for the Allottees to be the members of Resident Welfare agency

1084. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is obligatory for the allottees of D.D.A. flats to become members of the Residents Welfare Agency (registered with D.D.A.) of the area/colony for maintenance of the joint portions;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the D.D.A. against the defaulters; and

(c) what is the procedure for taking action against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allottees have been advised through the Press from time to time to form Association as per the regulations in force.

(c) Allotment of flats can be cancelled under the terms and conditions of the allotment after issuing show cause notice to the defaulters.

Implementation of 15 point programme

1085. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major decisions taken in the Conference of State Ministers and Secretaries of Welfare for implementation of Prime Minister's 15 point programme for the welfare of minorities;

(b) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have not recognised the Prime Minister's programme; if so, the steps Government propose to take to implement the Central directives;

(c) whether State Governments have sought clarifications with rgard to "special consideration" to minorities in the recruitment of police personnel and if so, Government's response thereto;

(d) whether point-wise evaluation has been undertaken by the Ministry; if so, the details of progress made by each State; and

(e) whether any directives, circulars or orders have been issued by the Railways, Nationalised Banks and Public Sector Undertakings in the matter of recruitment from minority communities; if so, the details thereof.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The Conference of the State Ministers in-charge of Minorities welfare held on the 30th September, 1988 reviewed and reiterated the decisions taken in the Conference of State Ministers held in June, 1987 for effective implementation of the P.M's 15-Point Programme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. on a reference from the Government of Gujarat regarding special consideration to the minorities in recruitment, the State Government was requested to issue appropriate instructions for making the Selection Committees representative by including a minority member.

(d) Yes, Sir. The implementation of the 15-point programme is being monitored on a quarterly basis. The 15-point programme is not a target oriented programme and hence it is not possible to indicate the progress in exact quantitative terms.

(e) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has issued instructions to all Zonal Railways and Railway Service Commissions to include one member from minority communities in selection committees. Department of Banking has issued instructions to the Nationalised Banks for inclusion of one member from minority communities in each Banking Service Recruitment Board Panel and to lay special emphasis upon recruitment to Group D posts from minority concentration districts. Instructions have also been issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises to all the Public Sector Undertakings.

Increase in the salary of part time correspondents

1086. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the salary of part time correspondents (PTCs) in A.I.R.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.